

Region 10 Fact Sheet

Geographic summary

States: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

Tribes: 271 federally recognized tribes

Logistics

Regional Office headquarters: Seattle, WA

Field offices: Anchorage, AK; Boise, ID; Coeur d'Alene, ID; Portland, OR; Eugene, OR; Lacey, WA; Richland, WA

Laboratory: Manchester Environmental Laboratory, Port Orchard, WA

Staff: Approximately 485 FTE

Top environmental priorities and challenges

- **Fairbanks PM 2.5:** On August 28, 2020, the EPA Region 10 Administrator signed a final notice determining that the Fairbanks nonattainment area failed to attain the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) by the "Serious" area attainment date of December 31, 2019 and denied Alaska's request for an extension of the attainment date. The state must submit a revised attainment plan by December 31, 2020. "Brief to be included"
- **Columbia River TMDL:** EPA issued the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) on May 18, 2020 following the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals finding that EPA must set temperature limits to protect fish on portions of the Columbia River and Lower Snake River. After considering the 2,088 comments received by August 2020, the EPA will make modifications and transmit the TMDL to the states of Washington and Oregon for incorporation into their current water quality management plans. R10 expects the comment response process will require several months. "Brief to be included"
- **Portland Harbor Superfund Site:** In March 2020, EPA issued two Unilateral Administrative Orders to three parties to initiate remedial design, bringing approximately 60% of the acres designated for active in-water remediation at the Site to remedial design. In January 2017, EPA issued a final ROD that selected a combination of dredging, capping, enhanced natural recovery, and monitored natural recovery (most of the remedy). The 13-year cleanup is estimated to cost \$1.17 billion (discounted at 7%, \$1.7 billion in nominal dollars). "Brief to be included"
- **Hanford Federal Facility:** Although substantial progress toward cleanup at the 580 square mile site has been made, considerable work remains. The Department of Energy is implementing its CERCLA program with EPA oversight and the State of Washington oversees most of the tank waste cleanup through the permitting process of their RCRA-delegated program. EPA is considering additional opportunities to help accelerate or reduce the cost of the Hanford cleanup, currently estimated at a range of \$323-\$677 billion. The time to complete was extended to 2095. "Brief to be included"
- **PFAS:** EPA is making progress on implementing the 2019 PFAS Action Plan to identify and manage the risks from this emerging class of chemicals-of-concern. Region 10 is lending technical expertise and scientific resources, convening state and federal agency coordination and helping state, tribal and local jurisdictions identify and address potential environmental threats from PFAS. R10 is home to numerous military bases and airports affected by PFAS contamination from the use of Aqueous Film Forming Foam.